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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2019/0395

Thank you for your request for information.

Wye Valley NHS Trust responds:

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May you please provide the following:

1) The total amount of compensation payments paid out to NHS staff

a. May you please provide the figures per year within the past three financial years (2019/18, 2018/17, and 2017/2016)

£10235

b. i.e in 2018/17, the Trust paid out 10 compensation claims to staff

Less than 6 instances in 2016 *

Less than 6 instances in 2017*

No instances in 2018

Less than 6 instances in 2019*

*This relates to a low number. Under section 40(ii) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, statistically low numbers that potentially identify personal data are required to be withheld because of the Trust's obligations to protect personal data under the Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

2) The total cost of compensation payments paid out to NHS staff

a. May you please provide the figures per year within the past three financial years (2019/18, 2018/17, and 2017/2016)

b. i.e in 2018/17, the Trust paid out 10 compensation claims amounting to £35,000

Please see above.

3) In each instance, may you please further detail on the nature/ reason behind the compensation payments for example, exposure to toxic substances, assaults from patients, slips / falls on the ward

a. I.e in 2018/17, the Trust paid out 10 compensation claims amounting to £35,000. 6 claims related to exposure of toxic substances and 4 claims related to individuals who suffered slips/ falls on the ward

It is not possible to provide individual details of each case as this would by its nature release individually identifiable information. The Trust is prohibited from doing this under its duties imposed by the Data Protection Act 2018. Under section 40ii of the Freedom of Information Act it is not possible therefore to release this information.

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Wye Valley NHS Trust
Monkmoor Court
31-34 Commercial Road
Hereford
HR1 2DX
Email: freedom.information@wvt.nhs.uk

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 745 www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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